

Scripture: II Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51

Key Themes

- Man is sinful and unable to keep God's commands.
- Sin displeases God and God will punish sin.
- God is rich in mercy and His forgiveness is great.

Hooks

HOOK

(Show the coloring book picture for Lesson 49.)

What is this man doing?

Who do people bow down to? [kings, queens]

Why do people bow down to kings? [because they are important people]

Look at this man. What does he have on his head? [crown]

This is an important man. This is a king. This is King David.

Who would King David bow down to?

King David bowed down to God because God is so much bigger than King David.

Would you like to hear the story of King David bowing to God?

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Did David love God?

Did David always obey God? Most of the time David obeyed God, but even people who love God are sinful. Even people who love God and want to obey God sometimes disobey God.

What bad thing did David do? [stole another man's wife]

Did God have a rule about that?

David broke God's rule. David disobeyed God.

Then David tried to hide his sin. He did not want anyone to know about the wrong

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thing he did.

Can a person ever hide their sin from God? Why? God knows everything.

Who did God send to David? [Nathan]

Did Nathan know about David's sin? How did Nathan know?

Nathan told David about his sin and Nathan told David about God's punishment for his sin.

Did David say, "I did not sin"? Did David say, "I don't care about that sin"?

What did David do when Nathan showed him his sin?

David was sorry for his sin. He bowed down to God—David knew that God was big and good and that David was little and David was not good. David told God about his sin. David was very, very sorry for his sin.

Does God like it when people are sorry about their sin?

Did God like that David was sorry about his sin?

Could David take his own sin away?

No. David had to go to God. God had to take away David's sin.

Was David punished for his sin? What happened?

Sin is bad and sin must be punished.

But God is good—even to sinful people. What good thing did God do for David?

[gave his wife another baby; God loved baby Solomon]

God is very good and God is forgiving. God takes away sin when people are sorry for their sin.

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Who is David bowing down to?

David was a strong king.

David was an important king.

David was a good king.

But who is stronger than King David?

Who is more important than King David?

Who is better than King David?

God is bigger and stronger and better and more important than anyone. God is in charge of everything—even kings.

God has rules. What are some of God's rules? (You may want to remind the children of the Ten Commandments.)

Do kings have to obey God's rules? Everyone has to obey God's rules.

Did King David love God? Did King David want to do what is right? Did King David

want to obey God's rules? But King David could not obey God's rules all the time.

No one can obey God's rules all the time—even if they try really hard.

What did King David do about his rule breaking? Who did he tell about it?

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(Read some selected verses from Psalm 51.)

King David was truly sorry about his sin.

Who could take away King David's sin? Only God could take away King David's sin.

Who can take away your sin?

What should you do when you sin?